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ORDER

Bangalore, dated 3rd November 1965.

S.O. 3415.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rules (2) and (3) of Rule 125 of the Defence of India Rules, 1962, the Government of Mysore hereby makes the following Order, namely :—

1. Title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Order may be called the Mysore Rationing (Preparatory Measures) Order, 1965;

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Mysore ;

(3) It shall come into force—

(*a*) at once in the Bangalore District (Urban) Area ; and

(*b*) in any other area or areas on such date or dates as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, from time to time appoint.

2. **Definitions.**—In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(1) "Director" means (i) the Director of Food Supplies in Mysore exercising powers of superintendence and control under this Order, for the whole of the State of Mysore, (ii) the Joint Director of Food Supplies in Mysore, Bangalore, in the Bangalore District (Urban), (iii) Deputy Commissioners in charge of District other than Bangalore District (Urban) within their jurisdiction;

(2) "Enquiry Officer" means a person authorised under paragraph (b) of sub-clause (2) of clause 3 and includes any person appointed to assist him under sub-clause (3) of that clause;

(3) "Numbering Officer" means a person authorised under paragraph (a) of sub-clause (2) of clause 3 and includes any person appointed to assist him under sub-clause (3) of that clause.

3. **Taking of preparatory measures.**—(1) If, in the opinion of the State Government, it is necessary or expedient to carry out any of the measures preparatory to the rationing of foodstuffs, the State Government may direct the Director to take action in accordance with sub-clause (2).

(2) On receipt of the direction from the State Government under sub-clause (1), the Director may—

(*a*) authorise any person in respect of any area to paint on, or affix to, any premises in that area such letters, marks or numbers as may be necessary, for facilitating their identification; and

(*b*) authorise any person in respect of any area to collect information and statistics necessary for the rationing of foodstuffs in respect of all persons in that area.

(3) The person authorised under sub-clause (2) may, by order in writing, appoint any other person or persons to assist him in carrying out the measures aforesaid.

4. **Power to collect information.**—(1) An enquiry officer may ask any person questions for the purposes of collecting such information and statistics relating to the rationing of foodstuffs as the State Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify.

(2) Every person of whom a question is asked under sub-clause (1) shall answer such question to the best of his knowledge and belief, and if so required by the enquiry officer, to answer it in writing with his name signed thereto. If such person is unable to answer in writing, he shall, after the answers given by him have been recorded by the enquiry officer, sign or affix his thumb-impression or his mark to the record.

5. **Occupier to allow numbering of premises.**—Every person occupying any premises shall allow the numbering officer or the enquiry officer such access thereto as may be required for the purpose of his work:

Provided that in requiring access, due regard shall be paid by such officer to the social and religious customs of the occupier.

6. **Prohibition of removal, etc., of identification marks.**—No person shall remove, obliterate or alter or damage, before such date as the Director may in relation to any area specify in this behalf any letters, marks or numbers which have been painted on, or affixed to, the premises by the numbering officer.

7. **False records.**—No enquiry officer shall knowingly make any false return or any false record in connection with any enquiry conducted by him.

8. **Cognizance of contravention of the Order.**—No person shall be prosecuted for a contravention of any of the provisions of this Order except with the previous sanction of the Director of Food Supplies in Mysore, Bangalore.

[No. FSD 1 FIR 65.]

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

HARISARVOTHAM RAO, *Under Secy.*

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